

**LUMPKIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA**

**Dahlonega City Hall
465 Riley Road
Dahlonega, Georgia
June 16, 2005
9:00 A.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gooch

II. INVOCATION

Reverend Kees de Vente
Spiritual Director at Hidden Lake Academy

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- May 26, 2005 Regular Meeting

V. REPORTS

- Department Heads
- Elected Officials

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- RESOLUTIONS
 - 2005-33 5311 Public Transportation
 - 2005-34 Comp Time
 - 2005-35 Appointments to Water Authority
 - 2005-36 Appointment to Development Authority of Lumpkin County
 - 2005-37 Land & Water Conservation Fund Pre-Application Grant
- CONTRACTS
 - Department of Transportation – Off-System Safety Improvement Project
 - Georgia Department of Corrections – Work Detail Agreements for Fiscal Year 2006
 - Detention Center Grinder installation Contract
 - Propane Gas Contract
- OTHER ITEMS
 - Environment Compliance Officer, Building Inspectors Citation Authority
 - Lake Allatoona and Upper Etowah Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement
 - Long Branch Quarry Reclassification of Land Use

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMENTS
- CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS
- COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS
- COUNTY ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS
- PUBLIC COMMENTS

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VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Future Board Meetings:

- Public Hearing
- Board Work Session – City Hall
- Board Meeting – City Hall

Jun 16th, 2005 at 6:00 P.M.

Jul 7th, 2005 at 9:00 A.M.

Jul 21st, 2005 at 6:00 P.M.

IX. ADJOURN

Chairman Gooch

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE LUMPKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 16, 2005

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gooch at 9:05 a.m. Commissioners present were Stephen Gooch, John Raber, Deborah Hutcheson, Clarence Stowers and Marvin Martin. Commissioner Martin opened the meeting with prayer. Chairman Gooch requested that everyone stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Clarence Stowers made a motion to adopt the agenda to include discussion of easements. Deborah Hutcheson then made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. This motion was seconded by John Raber and approved by all district commissioners present.

PRESENTATION

Dahlonega Rotary Club Lumpkin County Employee of the Year 2004 – 2005 Award

Chairman Gooch read a letter recognizing Ruth Bohac for her continuous dedication and hard work to the citizens of Lumpkin County. She has been working for the county for almost twenty years, where she has been involved in practically every phase of managing the public affairs of the commissioner's office. Chairman Gooch presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation and \$100.00 from the Dahlonega Rotary Club.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Deborah Hutcheson made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2005 Regular Meeting. This motion was seconded by John Raber and approved by all district commissioners present.

REPORTS

Reports were presented by Department Heads and are on file in the Board of Commissioners Office.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2005-33

Chairman Gooch read a resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the Georgia Department of Transportation and the United States Department of Transportation for a grant for public transportation assistance under Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Laws under Chapter 53 of Title 49 of the United States Code.

John Raber made a motion to approve this resolution. The motion was seconded by Deborah Hutcheson and approved by all district commissioners present.

RESOLUTION 2005-34

Chairman Gooch read a resolution to provide guidance to supervisors on the use of compensatory time for Lumpkin County employees. This shall be both a general policy for all County employees and also an amendment to the existing Civil Service System Manual.

Deborah Hutcheson made a motion to approve this resolution. The motion was seconded by Marvin Martin and approved by Commissioners Hutcheson, Martin and Raber. Commissioner Stowers voted no. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2005-35

Chairman Gooch read a resolution of appointment to the board of the Lumpkin County Water and Sewerage Authority. Randy Harvey to be reappointed for a term expiring May 31, 2009, and Muriel Jones to be appointed for a term ending May 31, 2009.

Clarence Stowers made a motion to approve this resolution. The motion was seconded by Deborah Hutcheson and approved by Commissioners Hutcheson and Stowers. Commissioners Martin and Raber did not vote. Chairman Gooch voted yes to break the tie. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2005-36

Chairman Gooch read a resolution to appoint a new member to the Development Authority of Lumpkin County. Deborah Hutcheson to be appointed to Seat 1, to complete an unexpired term ending March 7, 2006.

Clarence Stowers made a motion to approve this resolution. The motion was seconded by Deborah Hutcheson and approved by Commissioners Hutcheson and Stowers. Commissioners Martin and Raber did not vote. Chairman Gooch voted yes to break the tie. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2005-37

Chairman Gooch read a resolution to approve a pre-application submission for funding from the Land and Water Conservation Fund. In the event the pre-application is recommended for funding by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, the governing authority certifies and assures that it has the ability and intention to finance their fifty (50) per cent of the total project cost, and will move forward with due diligence to prepare or have prepared, appropriate documentation required for a formal LWCF application.

John Raber made a motion to approve this resolution. The motion was seconded by Marvin Martin and approved by all district commissioners present.

CONTRACTS

Department of Transportation – Off System Safety Improvement Project

A motion was made by Deborah Hutcheson to approve this contract. The motion was seconded by John Raber and approved by all district commissioners present.

Georgia Department of Corrections – Work Detail Agreements for fiscal year 2006

A motion was made by Marvin Martin to approve this contract. The motion was seconded by John Raber and approved by all district commissioners present.

Townley Construction Co., Inc. - Detention Center Grinder Installation Contract

A motion was made by Deborah Hutcheson to approve this contract. The motion was seconded by Marvin Martin and approved by all district commissioners present.

Propane Gas Contract

A motion was made by John Raber to approve this contract. The motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by all district commissioners present.

OTHER BUSINESS

Citation Authority

The board agreed to authorize by letter citation authority to Environmental Compliance Officer, Dennis R. Roland, Building Inspectors, David R. Key and Jesse M. Layne. This authority may be suspended at the sole discretion of the County Manager, which shall be effective upon declaration in writing. Such declaration of suspension shall be reviewed at the next regular or special meeting of the Board of Commissioners, who may approve the suspension and issue a letter of termination, disapprove the suspension and restore the authority to issue citations, or take the issue off the table for further study, in which event the suspension shall continue in force.

Lake Allatoona and Upper Etowah Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement

Mr. Dudley Owens, Director of the Lumpkin County Water and Sewerage Authority gave an update on the Lake Allatoona and Upper Etowah River Watershed Study which includes the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Bartow

County, Cherokee County, Cherokee Water and Sewerage Authority, Cobb County Water System, Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority, Dawson County, Etowah Water and Sewer Authority, Forsyth County, Lumpkin County, Pickens County. The agreement is to collaboratively monitor, assess, and improve the quality of water in Lake Allatoona and the Upper Etowah River Watershed. The signing of the Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement ceremony will take place at 2:00 pm, June 24, 2005, at Pine Valley, along the banks of the Etowah River.

Marvin Martin made a motion to approve the signing of the Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement. The motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by all district commissioners present.

Long Branch Quarry Reclassification of Land Use

Mr. Steve Whitmire, President and Member of Long Branch Quarry, L.L.C., made a presentation to the board asking for reclassification of five (5) acres of land adjacent to the Long Branch Quarry property. County Attorney Horne explained the process and noted the County Clerk has copies of all documentation regarding this reclassification and that all requirements have been met.

A motion was made by Clarence Stowers to approve this reclassification. The motion was seconded by Marvin Martin and approved by all district commissioners present.

Easements

Clarence Stowers made a motion to suspend enforcement of Section 605 of the Subdivision Regulations. This suspension will continue until August 1, 2005, unless otherwise decided by this board. The motion was seconded by Deborah Hutcheson and approved by all district commissioners present.

The Board of Commissioners, County Manager, County Attorney, and staff members discussed the need for clarification of easements. It was agreed that staff would meet on this issue and bring a recommendation back to the board.

Break 10:31 a.m. to 10:39 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS

COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

County Manager Stan Kelley said that the search for a new Park and Recreation Director would be completed soon. He also stated an ad has been run to fill the vacant grants position in the Finance Department.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Chairman Gooch stated that from time to time the Board of Commissioners will not agree on motions presented and the Chairman will vote to break a tie. He stressed the importance that the board works together.

Chairman Gooch ask the board to consider his appointment to Institute for Georgia Environmental Leadership.

Chairman Gooch said he talked with the Forest Service and learned that the Forest Service building in Yahoola has been vacated and that the building and 13 acres will be put up for sealed bid. A letter needs to be written to the U. S. Forest Service to let them know we are interested in purchasing this piece of property. Chairman Gooch said he would draft a letter.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Raber stated once the board leaves their meetings he intends to support everything the board does. Commissioner Raber gave an update on the recent Chamber of Commerce Meeting he had attended. He encouraged everyone to attend the county public hearing on Landscape and Sign Regulation Sections of the Land Use Code, which will be held tonight and the signing of the historic Watershed Agreement on June 24th. The wildflowers have arrived and the Department of Transportation will be planting them soon.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

County Attorney Horne stated that an ad would appear in the paper next week regarding the consolidation of polling precincts.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A citizen Joy Walker thanked the Board of Commissioners and Commissioner Stowers for their decision to suspend enforcement of Section 605 of the Subdivision Regulations.

Public Work Director Charles Trammell stated that requested bids have not received a very good response. Our requirement for bonds on projects prevents many contractors from bidding. Discussion of this requirement by the Board of Commissioners and County Attorney followed.

Deborah Hutcheson made a motion to lift the requirements for the current project. The motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by all district commissioners present.

ADJOURN

Chairman Gooch asked for a motion to adjourn. John Raber made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:08 a.m. The motion was seconded by Marvin Martin and approved by all district commissioners present.

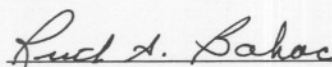
7-22-2005

Date


Stephen W. Gooch, Chairman

Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:



Ruth A. Bohac

Clerk, Lumpkin County